(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when its report is likely to be submitted to Government; and

(e) whether Government propose to grant interim relief to the employees till the recommendations are accepted?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As on 31.03.2006, there were 16.49 lakh employees (excluding casual and daily rated workers) in various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). This number includes 3.09 lakh executives and non-unionised supervisors.

(b) Yes. The Government of India has set up on 30.11.2006 a Pay Revision Committee for executives and non-unionised supervisors of CPSEs. The Policy on wage revision related to unionized workers in CPSEs has been announced by the Government on 9.11.2006.

(c) Mr. Justice M.J. Rao (Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India) is the Chairman of the Pay Revision Committee. Dr. Nitish Sengupta, Shri P.C. Parakh and Shri R.S.S.L.N. Bhaskarudu are members. Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Government of India is the *ex-officio* Member. Joint Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India is its Secretary.

(d) The Committee has been given 18 months period for making its recommendations.

(e) The Committee has not made any recommendation in this regard.

Projects undertaken in Rajasthan under AIBP

*470. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the status of various projects undertaken in Rajasthan, under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme during the last three years;

(b) the targeted time for completion of each of the above projects and physical achievements till date;

(c) whether some of the projects are lagging behind the schedule;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, project-wise, cost escalation due to delay; and

(e) the details of the measures taken to speed up execution of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (e) Irrigation projects are considered for inclusion in Accelerated Irrigation benefit Programme (AIBP) on the basis of proposals received from State Governments in accordance with guidelines of the programme in force from time to time. So far, 10 projects/project components of Rajasthan are funded under AIBP of which, 4 projects have been reported as completed by the State Government. 3 more projects are almost completed but completion certificates are awaited from the State Government. Remaining projects which are Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage-II, Narmada Canal project and Modernization of Gang canal are in various stages of progress. A Statement-I indicating name of the project, year of inclusion in AIBP, status of completion, targeted potential under AIBP, potential created up to March 2006, Central Assistance released up to 2003-04, from 2004-05 to 2007-08 and cumulative Central assistance released till date, is annexed. (*See* below). In respect of three ongoing projects under AIBP, A statement-II indicating estimated cost approved by the Planning Commission, latest estimated cost, targeted year of completion, Central Assistance released to the project during 2006-07 and arrears of Central assistance of 2006-07 released during 2007-08 and cumulative Central assistance released till date is annexed. (*See* below). The main reasons for delays in the project implementation have been reported as change in the scope of projects and revised investment clearance required, non availability of water for construction activities, slow colonization due to desert conditions, hard working conditions due to sand dunes and dispute over national desert park in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project.

Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution, funding as well as priority of execution of irrigation projects is within the purview of State Governments. Central Government provides Central assistance under AIBP for expeditious completion of the projects on year to year basis in accordance with AIBP guidelines in force from time to time and based on the proposals received from State Government subject to adequate budget provision and ceiling for the State under AIBP fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Governments.

Statement-I

Details of the Projects Undertaken in Rajasthan Under AIBP

					Potential in thousand ha		Central Assistance in Rs. crore					
Sl. No.	Name of State/Project (Started in Plan)	Year of Inclusion in AIBP	Whether completed	If ongoing, scheduled/ delayed	Target potential under AIBP	Potential created upto March, 2006	Central Assistance					
							1996-97 to 2003-04 Loan	2004-05 Loan/grant	2005-06 Grant	2006-07 Grant	2007-08 Grant	Total amount Realsed from 96 to 07
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	Major, Medium Irrigation Projects											
	RAJASTHAN											
1.	Jaismand (Modernisation) (VI) (C)	1996-97	Yes. 2000-01		2.3980	2.3980	3.1250					3.1250
2.	Chhapi (V) (C)	1996-97	yes. 2004-05		6.9910	6.5560	38.2250					38.2250
3.	Panchana (V) (C)	1997-98	Yes. 2004-05		6.1060	6.1060	43.3770					43.3770
4.	IGNP Stage-II (V)	1997-98		Delayed	485.0000	327.000	4442.4500	116.4700	23.8002			582.7202
5.	Bisalpur (VII) (D)	1998-99		Delayed	1.8000	1.800	41.5600					41.5600
6.	Narmada Canal (VI)	1998-99		Delayed	73.1600	0.000	356.4450	119.8480	46.7520	9.6700	92.6200	625.3350
7.	Gambhiri (Modernisation) (VI) (C)	1998-99	yes. 2000-01		0.9250	0.9250	1.3150					1.3150
8.	Chauli (VIII)	1998-99		Delayed	8.9630	8.9630	36.3620	8.8300	1.9590	1.1300		48.2810
9.	Mahi Bajaj Sagar (IV)	1999-2000		Delayed	18.4060	18.4060	64.7800	37.9760	10.8960			113.6520
10.	Mod. of Gang Canal (VI)	2000-01		Delayed	69.7020	41.3900	112.7550	69.7800	6.8880	0.8000	7.6400	197.8630
	(Rajasthan)-Total :				673.4510	413.5440	1140.3940	352.9040	90.2952	11.6000	100.2600	1695.4532

C-Completed D-Deferred

Statement-II

Status of Ongoing Projects of Rajasthan Under AIBP

Rs. in crore

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated cost approved by Planning Commission	Latest estimated cost & year	Target year of completion	CA released 2006-07 & 2007-08	Cumulative CA released till date
1.	Narmada Canal	467.53 (1996)	1541.36 (2005-06)	2009-10	102.29	625.3350
2.	Modernization of Gang Canal	445.79 (2000)	445.79 (2000)	2008-09	8.44	197.863
3.	Indira Gandhi Nehar Project	89.12 (1972)	2624.00 (1998)	3522.00 (2006)	2011-12	NIL 582.7207

Ethno-Graphic Studies on tribals by Anthropological Survey of India

471. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any system or process by which constant and regular monitoring of tribals' progress is done through ethnographic studies under the aegis of the Anthropological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the prevalent system in this regard;

(c) what degree of credibility does the ethno-graphic studies done by ASI enjoy;

(d) whether it is a fact that sufficient studies are not done on social status of tribals; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to conduct frequent monitoring of all aspects of life of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) The Anthropoligical Survey of India conducts regular ethno-graphic studies which help to monitor the progress of tribals. The ethno-graphic studies remain the Central approach of scientific investigation in the Survey. During Eleventh Plan the Anthropological Survey of India proposes to study the indigenous knowledge systems of tribes, Man and Envinronment issues under the programme 'People of India and Cultural Diversity'.